OTONARI COMPLEX
Chapter 05: Gloom
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SCANLATION BY AMPLIFIED
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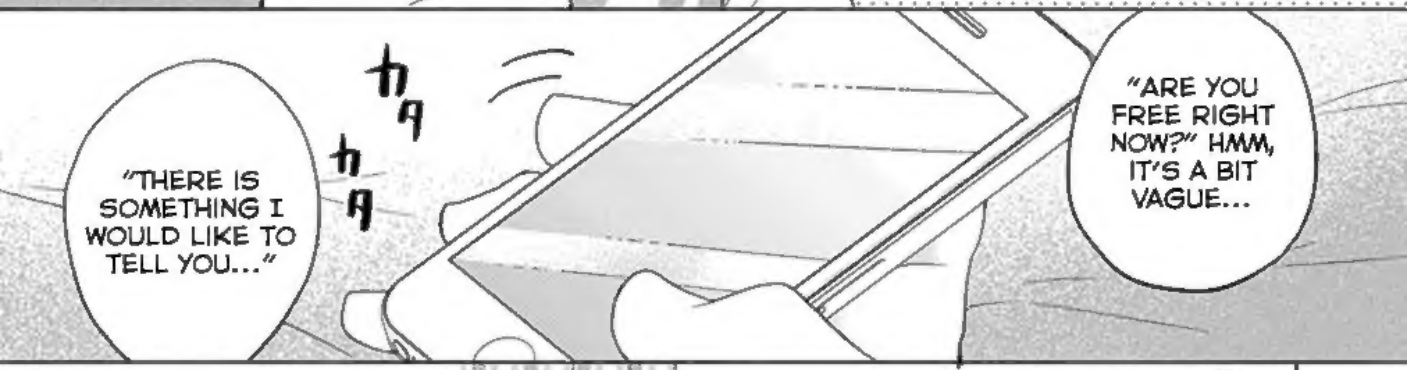
NINOMIYA MAKOTO
I'M GOING TO THE CLASSROOM
ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW
HMMM
BEEP

05 GLOOM


"ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW?" HMM, IT'S A BIT VAGUE...
"THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU..."

Hmmm
NO NO NO NO
IT'S A BIT FORMAL AND UNNATURAL.

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO PROPERLY TELL AKIRA-CHAN.
YOU SEE,
WHAT DO I DO...?
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I-IT'S FROM MAKOTO ...
HELLO, MAKOTO?
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO CALL.
...YEAH...
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AKIRA, ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW?

MAKOTO~?
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OH, YOU'RE HERE.
WHAT'S UP?
I BOUGHT COFFEE.
Take a seat.
YOU COULD'VE JUST CALLED OUT TO ME IF WE'RE GOING TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
...YEAH.
SO, UH...
HOW ARE YOU THESE DAYS? HOW'S SCHOOL?
Thanks

...YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. I ASKED THE WRONG QUESTION.
BUT WE SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY.
?
You should retort there. Like, "What are you, a dad of a teenage girl?"
At school
YOU HAD LUNCH WITH SEO TODAY, RIGHT?
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SO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?
THE WHOLE TIME.
IT'S A CONFESS-ION, I'M TELLING YOU~♪
WHILE WE WERE EATING LUNCH, AYAKA WAS SAYING,
My intuition doesn't miss.

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HEY, SAY SOME-THING.
…ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO ASK?
JUST SAY IT.
…HE CONFESSED.
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S-SO WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM...
SEO-KUN SAID, "I CAN'T FORGET ABOUT SAYAKA-CHAN."
THE FIRST TIME I SAW HER, I THOUGHT, "WOW, WHAT A CUTE GIRL." BUT AFTER TALKING MORE TO HER, I THOUGHT SHE'S A NICE GIRL. I GOT EVEN MORE INTERESTED IN HER.
YOU'RE REALLY EA-SY TO TALK TO, AKIRA-CHAN. SO I THOUGHT I CAN ASK YOU FOR ADVICE.
HE ASKED IF YOU CAN MEET AGAIN EVEN JUST ONCE.
SO DO YOU REGRET YOU ASKED?
SO MUCH I WANNA DIE.
I WAS WORRIED IF I SHOULD TELL YOU OR NOT...
HE SAID HE WANTS MY HELP.

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SO PLEASE, CAN YOU MEET HIM AGAIN JUST ONCE?
I WANT TO HELP HIM IF I CAN.
SEO-KUN IS A NICE PERSON.

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MAKOTO-SAN? ARE YOU LI—
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AKIRA,
"I WANT TO HELP HIM IF I CAN"?
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SAYING THAT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
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DID I SAY SOMETHING STRANGE?

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A FRIEND... HUH...
...mumble
I'M JUST HELPING A FRIEND.
NOTHING.
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HUH, WHAT?
REALLY ?!
BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME!
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...OKAY, FINE.
...JUST ONCE, OKAY?

AND BE SURE TO TELL HIM NOT TO DO ANYTHING WEIRD!
I WON'T SHOW HIM MERCY EVEN IF I'M CROSS-DRESSING THEN!
D-DON'T WORRY. SEO-KUN WON'T EVER DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT.
OKAY, I'LL LET HIM KNOW.
IS HE FREE ON WEEKDAYS?
YOU SHOULD ASK HIM, NOT ME.
I don't have part-time job right now, so I have more free time
GOT IT.
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UH... MAKOTO-SAN?
...WHAT IS IT?
THAT'S MY LINE.
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YOU SOUNDED LIKE YOU'RE SATISFIED,
BUT YOU HAD THIS WEIRD EXPRESSION THE WHOLE TIME.
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I'M RETURNING TO MY ROOM. CONTACT ME IF THE DATE IS FINAL.
GEEZ! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I HAD A WEIRD EXPRESSION?
Don't run away~!!

"I'M NOT COOL WITH THIS" IS WRITTEN ON YOUR FACE!
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21:30
SEO AYUMU
READ 21:29
SHE SAID SHE'LL LEAVE THE DATE AN
TIME TO YOU. TEXT ME ONCE IT'S FI
SEO AYUMU
ROGER! I'M SUPER NERVOUS!
21:30
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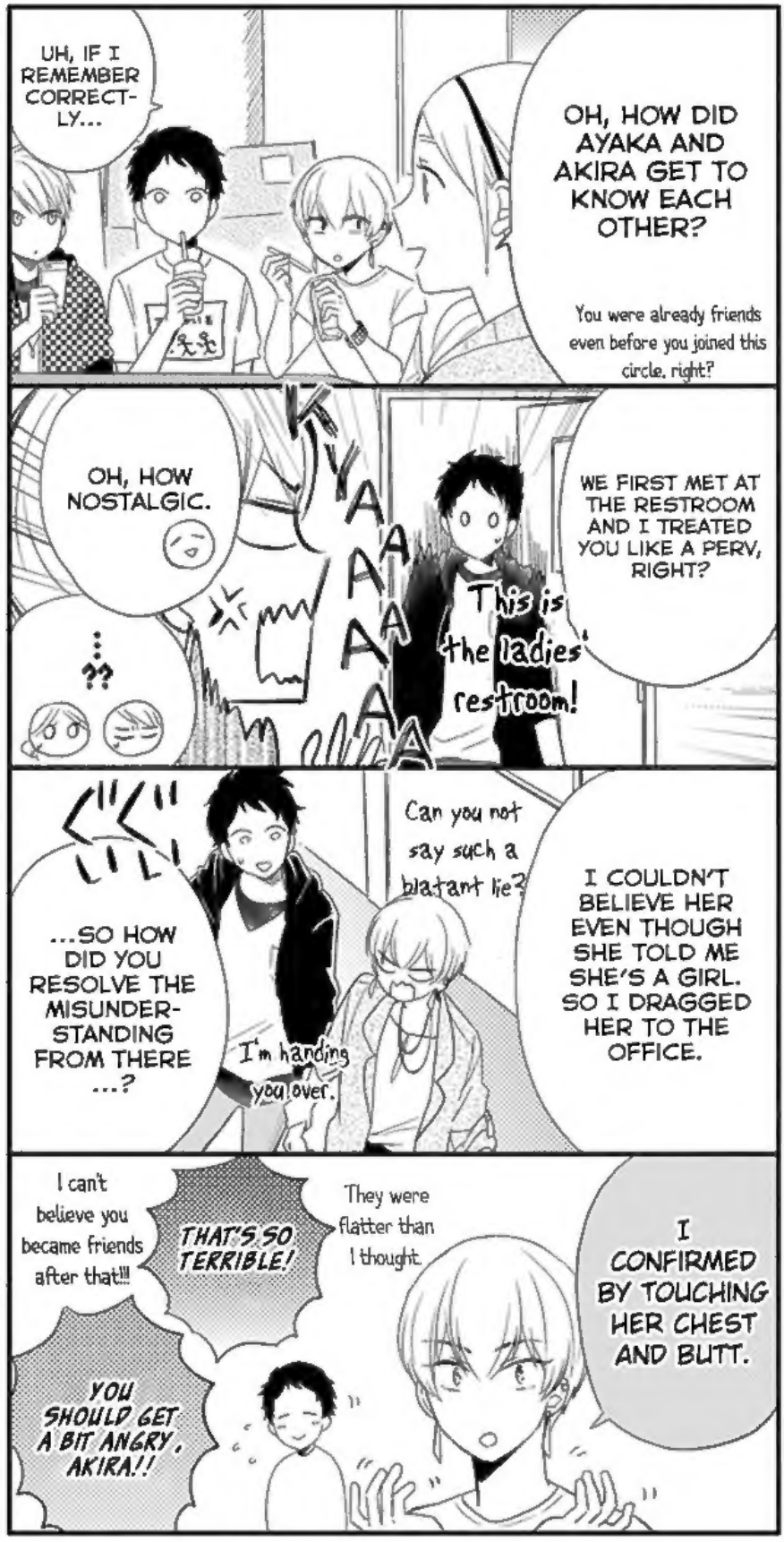
THERE'S THIS REALLY GLOOMY FEELING...


UH, IF I REMEMBER CORRECT-LY...
OH, HOW DID AYAKA AND AKIRA GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER?
You were already friends even before you joined this circle, right?
OH, HOW NOSTALGIC.
??
KYAAAAAA
This is the ladies' restroom!
WE FIRST MET AT THE RESTROOM AND I TREATED YOU LIKE A PERV, RIGHT?
...SO HOW DID YOU RESOLVE THE MISUNDER-STANDING FROM THERE ...?
I'm handing you over.
Can you not say such a blatant lie?
I COULDN'T BELIEVE HER EVEN THOUGH SHE TOLD ME SHE'S A GIRL. SO I DRAGGED HER TO THE OFFICE.
I can't believe you became friends after that!!!
THAT'S SO TERRIBLE!
YOU SHOULD GET A BIT ANGRY, AKIRA!!
They were flatter than I thought.
I CONFIRMED BY TOUCHING HER CHEST AND BUTT.